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SUBJECT: UNEASY TRUCE CONTINUES

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1. EOKA-B AND MAKARIOS HAVE TAKEN TWO FURTHER, CAUTIOUS STEPS TO EXTEND TRUCE PERIOD ON ISLAND. FEB 1 EOKA-B ISSUED LENGTHY, CONFUSING BROADSIDE (REF) WHICH (1) PLEDGED CONTINUE STRUGGLE FOR ENOSIS BUT ANNOUNCED FURTHER "SUSPENSION" OF ACTION TO GAIN "TIME FOR CORRECT DECISIONS". (2) IMPLIED THAT 70 WANTED PERSONS WILL RETURN TO VILLAGES IF NOT PROSECUTED, (3) SUGGESTED THAT MOVEMENT WILL PURSUE GOALS THROUGH PEACEFUL MEANS UNLESS GOVT FORCES IT INTO OTHER COURSE, AND (4) CALLED FOR CAUTION, AVOIDANCE OF MISTAKES BY GREEK PEOPLE, SPECIFICALLY WARNING OF ASSASSINATIONS AND OTHER CRIMES UNDER PREPARATION WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE PREVENTED.

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2. PRO-GOVT "PHILELEFTHEROS" AND CLERIDES' PAPER "AGON"

QUICKLY HAILED STEP AS EVIDENCE OF POLITICIZATION OF EOKA-B STRUGGLE. GOVT PIO ANNOUNCED FEB 2 THAT, PENDING CLARIFICATION OF SITUATION, MAKARIOS HAD DECIDED THAT WANTED MEN WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE PURSUED EVEN THOUGH FIVE-DAY GRACE PERIOD HAD EXPIRED.

3. PERHAPS REFLECTING SPLIT IN EOKA-B RANKS, RIGHTIST "PATRIS" FEB 4 RAN LONG ARTICLE BY WANTED MAN PLEDGING NO SURRENDER OF ARMS OR PERSONS TO GOVT. TONE OF DEFIANCE AND HARD-LINE MORE PRONOUNCED THAN IN EOKA-B FEB 1 ANNOUNCEMENT.

4. ISLAND AWASH WITH GRIVAS MEMORIAL SERVICES ON SUNDAY. MOST PROMINENT OCCURRED IN PAPHOS, WHERE NICOS SAMPSON HARANGUED MASSES WHO TOOK NEW OATH PLEDGING TO FOLLOW GENERAL'S ROAD.

5. ISLAND SO FAR QUIET WITH EXCEPTION OF BOMB BLAST IN NICOSIA FEB 3 WHICH POLICE DECLARE HAD NO POLITICAL MOTIVES.

6. COMMENT: EVEN THOUGH MAKARIOS TOLD US PRIVATELY DURING DAVID ROCKEFELLER VISIT FEB 2 HE UNSURE JUST WHAT EOKA-B ANNOUNCEMENT MEANT, HE CHOSE INTERPRET IT IN MOST HOPEFUL LIGHT, EXTENDING INDEFINITELY GRACE PERIOD OF 70 WANTED MEN. EOKA-B STILL SORTING OUT INTERNAL PROBLEMS AND RATHER DESPERATE TONE OF APPEAL AGAINST VIOLENCE SUGGESTS THAT MORE ACTIVIST GROUPS MAY HAVE PEELED OFF FROM CENTRAL CONTROL. END COMMENT.
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